



Fredon Facts & Features

March 2022



Meet Your New Township Committee Members!

Christopher Nichols



Greetings fellow Fredon residents. Please allow me the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Chris Nichols and I have been appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Fredon Township Committee.

I have been a lifelong resident of Sussex County, growing up in Vernon and making my way through Vernon's schools. I returned to Sussex County to begin growing my family after achieving my bachelor's degree at Ramapo College. I landed in Fredon two years ago after making stops in several other Sussex County towns. What drew me to Fredon was the country feel coupled with the tight knit sense of a small town; I felt that this community would be the best fit for my family, especially my 5 year old son.

Throughout my professional life I have had the opportunity to see what it takes to run a municipality and I have always desired to become more involved at the administrative level. I have a long history of public service, starting when I was a teenager as a volunteer in the local emergency services. The experience I gained at a young age has helped mold my professional life and I am looking forward to bringing that experience to the Fredon Township Committee. My previous law enforcement management experience in Sussex County has afforded me exposure to the inner workings of municipal government, and I intend to draw on all of these experiences to be a well-rounded and contributing member of the Fredon Township Committee and community.

George Plock, Jr.

George Plock Jr. is the Managing Director of American Wealth Executives, a local financial planning firm with offices in both Sparta and Newton, NJ.

Mr. Plock also spends time with his passion project as President of a national 501(c)(3) organization, hosting music-centric fundraising events for local charities. He has been a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose for more than a decade and spent years serving as a Kiwanian with the Sparta chapter.

When he isn't working or volunteering, you'll likely find him enjoying the outdoors with his wife and 3 children. They enjoy hiking, biking, camping, fishing and motorsports together.

Aside from spending a few years in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Plock has lived his entire life in Sussex County, New Jersey. He was born and raised in Andover, and spent years as a resident in both Branchville and Sparta before finally settling down and planting roots in Fredon with his family.





2022 Fredon Township Bulk Pick-Up



Bulk Pickup is provided for all residential dwellings located on roads regularly serviced by garbage haulers.

All Bulk pickup will be on the **date designated below**. Items may be put out as early as the Sunday before the bulk pick-up date, but no sooner. It **ABSOLUTELY** must be put out the **NIGHT BEFORE** the pick-up date - pick-up begins at **5 AM**.

Bulk pick-up is **not** being picked up by your garbage hauler, so please do not **ASSUME** that if your garbage is still out there the bulk pick-up hauler has not been through the area.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND PATIO FURNITURE ONLY!

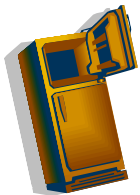
Interior household bulk items such as stoves, refrigerators, furniture, carpets, etc., but **not** normal household garbage or bagged garbage. Building material, construction debris, other outdoor items and tires will not be picked up! Bulk pick-up is not intended for whole-house clean-outs - please contact a hauler for a dumpster if needed.

~If it is small enough to fit in a garbage bag or can it is NOT bulk~

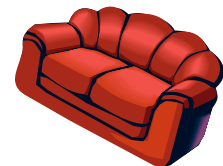
If you have any questions regarding bulk pickup, please contact the Municipal Building at 973-383-7025, Ext. 21.

2022

BULK PICK-UP WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:



April 7th



The following items WILL NOT BE PICKED UP for bulk pick-up:

Televisions

Monitors

Computers

Laptop Computers

Printers

FAX machines

Copiers

Tablets

The New Jersey Electronic Waste Management Act bans the disposal of these electronic devices and mandates that they be recycled. These items may be recycled at the following locations: SCMUA Collection Programs - Regular Operations (scale charges apply), Scheduled free annual recycling events, or New Jersey Manufacturers and Retailers.

Bag Ban Starts May 1, 2022



**PLEASE
BRING YOUR
REUSABLE
BAGS
WHEN YOU SHOP!**

BagUpNJ.com

2022 BAG BAN
**Applies To Paper And
Plastic Bags**

Switch to reusable bags now

WHAT'S BANNED, WHAT'S NOT

BANNED

**SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC BAGS**

**SINGLE-USE
PAPER BAGS**

**POLYSTYRENE FOAM
FOOD-SERVICE
PRODUCTS**



LIMITED

**SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC STRAWS**



EXEMPT

NEWSPAPER BAGS

LAUNDRY BAGS

**PHARMACY BAGS FOR
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

**BAGS CONTAINING
LOOSE VEGETABLES,
UNCOOKED FISH,
MEAT AND POULTRY**



FREDON RECREATION SOCCER NOW REGISTERING!



Spring Soccer Registration will be open through March 28th at the Fredon Township Recreation Commission [website](#). Participants must be at least 4 years old prior to the beginning of the September 2021 season. Practices will begin the week of April 4th and games will likely begin April 23rd. The registration fee is \$75.00 per child, sibling discounts are available. Coaches are needed at all levels. Any questions, please contact Erin Bosworth at Erinboz@hotmail.com or by phone at 201-874-5197.

Property Assessment Postcards and Appeal Information

The Annual Notice of Assessment postcards have been mailed out. They are white this year. If you did not receive your card or lost it you can view/download your postcard from the NJ Association of County Tax Boards' website:
[NJ Assessment Records Search](#)



On the search page put in your last name and click on the search. Click on your name and the postcard information button will be on the top left side of the page.

2022 Assessment Appeal Forms are available on the Sussex County Tax Board or click this link to view/download the forms and instructions:
[Tax Appeal Packet](#)

KITTATINNY SOFTBALL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY **MARCH 6TH!**

www.kittatinnysoftball.com

Little Sluggers - \$50

Pre-K4 – Kindergarten

This program introduces basic softball skills and concepts. If we have enough coaches, we will split the girls into teams and schedule some games between them. Little Sluggers will play on FRIDAYS and some SATURDAYS.

Rookies - \$75

1st – 2nd Grades

This level is coach pitch. Girls will learn the rules of the game, the roles of various positions and play games against nearby towns. Rookies will play on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

Intermediates - \$100

3rd – 4th Grades

This level is player pitch with modified USA rules. The girls will learn the importance of pitching and catching, as well as how to steal and slide. This level has an official umpire for their scheduled games against nearby towns. Intermediates will play on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

Juniors - \$100

5th – 6th Grades

This level helps players master their skills and introduces more advanced rules. Girls will learn new strategies and techniques for games against surrounding towns. Juniors will play on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

Seniors - \$100

7th – 8th Grades

This level prepares girls for playing at the High School level if they choose to continue the sport. Players learn to push themselves to compete at a higher level in games against nearby towns. Seniors will play on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

**\$10 discount for each
additional sibling
registered.**

**For more information
please contact:**

Anna Pascarella 973.202.4487

HamptonSoftballRec@gmail.com



Upcoming Recycling Dates

Monday, March 7th 5 AM

Monday, March 21st 5 AM



Recycling pick-up takes place on the **first** and **third** Monday of each month. Please place recyclables out for the scheduled day regardless of any holidays. Place containers out on the **Sunday night before** the scheduled pick-up day. More information on single stream recycling can be found on the web site [here](#).

Dog Licenses...

Were Due by January 31st!!

If you have not yet licensed your dog, please do so as soon as possible to avoid accruing additional late fees. The late fee is \$5.00 per month per dog.

Failure to license your dog(s) may result in a summons to appear in court, fines and court costs in addition to the fees for the license. The license application is available for download at: [Dog License Application](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Carlson, Animal Licensing Official at

New Office Hours

Effective April 4th

Effective April 4, 2022 the Municipal Building Hours of Operation will be as follows:

Monday	- 8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday	- 8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
Wednesday	- CLOSED
Thursday	- 8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
Friday	- 8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
Saturday	- CLOSED
Sunday	- CLOSED



2022 Recycling Event Schedule



Household Hazardous Waste Days: Sat. 6/4/22 & 11/5/22

Dispose of lead & oil base paints, stains, thinners, pool chemicals, mercury, lubricants, chlorine, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries and more. Limits: 100 lbs. dry waste, 10 gal liquid waste, and 10 fluorescent bulbs *per vehicle free of charge*. Scale charge for larger quantities.



Electronics Recycling Days: Sat. 4/23/22 & 10/15/22

Free event! Examples include: desktop computers, laptops, desktop printers and fax machines, televisions, cell phones, VCR's, DVD's & CD's, copiers, radio & stereos, etc. (*Residents may also drop off electronics during normal business hours. See website for info.*)



SCMUA Recycling Center open Monday through Saturday

Free recycling of commingled containers (glass, plastic & aluminum), drink cartons, cardboard, newsprint, junk mail, office paper, packaging foam, motor oil, antifreeze, rechargeable batteries and American Flags.



Monthly Medical Waste – Sharps Collection

1st Thursday every month 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Fee charged by vendor.

Monthly Paper Shredding – Document Destruction

3rd Friday every month 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. NO LIMIT. Charge by volume. \$6.00 minimum.

Mulch & Compost every Monday through Saturday

Sussex County residents can hand load regular mulch and compost for FREE! The SCMUA will load Colorized Mulch and compost for a nominal fee.

Information:
973-579-6998
www.scmua.org

**2021
SENIOR TAX FREEZE
PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT**

Click [here](#) for additional info

2021

**Eligibility
Requirements**

**You were 65 or older on December 31, 2020
Or if you were receiving Social Security Disability
payments on December 31, 2020 and also on
December 31, 2021;**

and

**You have lived in New Jersey continuously since
December 31, 2010 as an owner or renter**

and

**You have owned and lived in your home since
December 31, 2017;**

and

**You paid all 2020 and 2021 property taxes by
June 1, 2022;**

and

**Your annual income did not exceed
\$92,969.00 in 2020 and \$94,178.00 in 2021
including Social Security, pension, etc.**

**Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement
Information Line
1-800-882-6597**

Answers to Frequently Asked Tax Questions...



When are tax bills mailed?

Tax bills are mailed out once a year in late June or early July, following certification of the rate by the Sussex County Tax Board. New bills are not mailed when there is a change in ownership. You must contact the tax office and request a bill.

When are tax payments due?

Property taxes are billed in Fredon on a calendar year, January 1st to December 31st. The first quarter is due on February 1st and covers Jan.-March. The second quarter is due on May 1st and covers April-June. The third quarter is due on August 1st and covers July-Sept. The fourth quarter is due November 1st and covers Oct-Dec. Payments are due on the first. There is a 10 day grace period, on the 11th day interest is calculated back to the 1st. If the 10th falls on a weekend or legal holiday, you have until the next business day at the close of Municipal Building office hours to make payment without interest being charged. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying taxes or the interest due on delinquent taxes.

Can I pay my taxes online?

Yes, taxes may be paid online through the Fredon Township website. Please click [here](#) for the link.

Do you accept postmarks?

We cannot accept postmarks.

What if I want to change my mailing address?

This request must be made in writing and signed by the property owner, along with the block/lot, reason and sent to:

Fredon Township
Tax Assessor
443 Route 94
Newton NJ 07860

How do I change the name on my deed?

A deed is an official document, recorded at the county level and a new deed has to be recorded to add or delete anyone from the official record of ownership. We recommend that you seek legal assistance from an attorney or title company specializing in property transactions. If you are listed as a **Joint Tenant** no change is required but it is recommended and one needs to bring an original certified copy of the death certificate to the Tax Assessor.

When will I be billed for any improvements done to my property?

You will be sent a letter from the Assessor after the improvement has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy. The letter will advise you of the additional assessed value due and what year(s) are involved. The new assessment will cause additional bill(s) to be issued. The bill called an added assessment bill will be sent out in October and due November 1st (4th qtr) of the current year and February 1st and May 1st. of the following year. The added bill must be combined together with your original tax bill that was received in June. When the new bills are generated the following June, all taxes will be combined into one bill.

How do I go about filing an appeal?

All appeal questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office 973-383-7025, Extension #24.

When can I speak with the Tax Collector?

The Tax Collector, Kerri Womack, is in the office on Thursdays, from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. She may be reached by phone at 973-383-7025, Ext. #23.

NEW JERSEY SAFE PASSING LAW

SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER



Your family, friends and neighbors are on the roads.

PASS 'EM LIKE YOU KNOW THEM

NJ HAS MADE IT A LAW for drivers to take extra precautions to protect people on the road walking, running, riding a bicycle or scooter, pushing a stroller, in a wheelchair and others.

HOW?

Practice now:

EXPECT many different road users.

SLOW on sight to determine safety.

MOVE OVER a lane if you can.

PASS ONLY WITH AT LEAST FOUR FEET FOR SAFETY

Learn more at <https://njbwc.org/team4nj/>



ATTENTION SENIORS

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services publishes a monthly newsletter with information on support groups, tips, events, meetings, etc. relevant to seniors. [Click here for the March publication](#)



From the Department of Public Works...

While we hope the snow is over, there is the possibility of at least a month left for more of the white stuff.

WINTER STORM MAINTENANCE: Upon notification of a winter storm, the Public Works Department will call in the appropriate employees, provide them with the appropriate equipment to surface treat roads in the following manner:

Pre-Storm Preparations 48-72 hours:

- Monitor weather forecast and weather stations
- Material and supplies are verified.
- Staff are put on notice and updated on pending weather. Equipment and vehicles are inspected for readiness.

During Storm:

- It is not possible to maintain a snow and ice-free road during every storm. It is the intention of the Township to provide practical safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during winter storms.
- As the storm develops and 3 to 4 inches of snow accumulates on the road surface, plowing operations will commence. Additional staff is called. Plow drivers will be dispatched to complete sections of town utilizing the standard DPW service map. Crews will plow roadways and apply salt as needed. Crews will assure emergency route are given first preference during this period.

Post-Storm:

When a storm has completely ended, crews will start their final pass. Crews will plow and salt assigned section(s). Salt is applied as needed.

PLOWING CURB TO CURB : The snow windrow must be pushed back as far as possible for many reasons such as:

- Storm water run-off
- Space for future snow storage
- To permit maximum possible view of traffic of the roads

What can Citizens do to help the Snow Removal Efforts?

- DO keep your cars parked off the street.
- DO remove snow and ice from your walkways.
- DO place the snow from your sidewalks, driveways and parking spaces onto your property or you risk having them covered when the plows come by. The DPW asks residents to be patient as we make multiple passes to clear the roads.
- DO stay off the roads if possible. Fewer cars mean that our drivers can plow without additional hazards. If you do go out, keep a safe distance from the Township's plows.
- DO clear your fire hydrants!
- DO clear the area in front of your mailbox to insure mail delivery.
- DO NOT brush snow from cars into the street.
- DO NOT shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street.
- Be aware that residents are responsible for the actions of their contractors.

The Township is responsible for the municipal roads only. The Sussex County Division of Public Works is responsible for the County roads. The New Jersey Department of Transportation is responsible for State Route 94.

